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BROADCAST JOURNALISM STUDENTS PLACE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

MISSOULA--

Three journalism students of The University of Montana placed in the national broadcast news Hearst awards competition.

Recent graduate Damaris "Madie" Beltran placed 15th in the television competition. She was recognized for her report on the Blackfeet Language School in Browning and a profile of volunteers working with the Missoula Food Bank. Both stories aired on Montana PBS as part of her course work. She hails from Chicago, but now calls Missoula home.

Two juniors were recognized for their work in radio. Johanna Feaster of Brookings, S.D., earned 15th place for one story outlining the popularity of skateboarding in Missoula and problems associated with it. A second story explored parking issues in and around the UM campus. Both stories aired on KUFM and KBGA.

Junior Robin Catterton of Cody, Wyo., entered two radio reports dealing with the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. One report explored the stockpiling of weapons, food and gas masks by Montanans following the attacks. Another highlighted the increased sale of patriotic materials at local fabric stores. Robin earned 18th place in the competition.

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